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SUMMARY: FONMIN WILLS DESCRIPTION TO ME OF HIS DISCUSSIONS
WITH CUBANS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES IS REPORTED HEREIN.
MOAZMBIQUE IS THEIR PREFERRED SITE FOR 1978 NAM FOREIGN
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, AND BOTH NATIONS AGREED TO FOLLOW
AFRICAN LEAD ON MANY ISSUES AT NEW DELHI THIS YEAR. WILLS
EXPRESSED TO CUBA GOG OPPOSITION TO THEIR APPROACH TO
PUERTO RICO ISSUE. CUBANS INDICATED THEY WILL MUTE CAMPAIGN
ON PR FOR TIME BEING. CUBANS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT U.S. MIGHT
ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE ATTENDANCE AT 1979 HAM HEADS OF
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STATE MEETING IN HAVANA, USING CUBAN EXILE THREAT.
END SUMMARY.

1. DURING SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS SINCE FONMIN WILLS'
RETURN FROM CUBA, WILLS HAS GIVEN ME THE FOLLOWING
DESCRIPTION OF HIS TALKS WITH CUBANS ON MULTILATERAL AND
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MATTERS.

2. CONCERNING THE SITE OF NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, THE GUYANESE AND THE CUBANS AGREED TO SUPPORT MOZAMBIQUE'S BID TO HOST THE MEETING. YUGOSLAVIA WOULD BE THEIR SECOND CHOICE. WILLS HAD TOLD THE CUBANS THAT NORTH KOREA AS SITE WOULD NOT RECEIVE GOG BACKING. AS CONSOLIDATION FOR YUGOSLAVIA, THEY WOULD PROPOSE THAT A NAM "BUREAU" MEETING BE HELD IN BELGRADE.

3. PUERTO RICO. WILLS SAID HE HAD MADE CLEAR TO THE CUBANS THAT GUYANA OPPOSED THEIR POSITION ON PUERTO RICO(REFTEL). CUBAN VICE PRESIDENT RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE CONSIDERED THE LAST ELECTIONS A SET-BACK TO THE PR INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. THE GOC HAD DECIDED TO "MUTE" THE PUERTO RICO ISSUE FOR THE TIME BEING. THEY WOULD NOT INSIST UPON PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE AS A PRIOR CONDITION FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. CONCERNING CUBAN-US RELATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, RODRIGUEZ TOLD WILLS, THE CUBANS HAD NOT EXPLOITED PRESIDENT FORD'S "MISTAKE" (SIC).

4. WILLS SAID THAT CUBAN LEADERS FEAR THAT THE U.S. WILL INDUCE CUBAN EXILE TERRORISTS TO CREATE SECURITY THREATS DESIGNED TO DETER HEADS OF STATE FROM ATTENDING 1979 NAM CHIEFS OF STATE MEETING IN HAVANA.

5. WILLS CONFIRMED THAT DESTABILIZATION ISSUE WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT NEW DELHI. WHEN I EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THIS AND ITS IMPACT ON U.S.-GUYANESE RELATIONS, WILLS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPLIED THAT NO ONE COULD DENY THAT CUBAN EXILES HAD BEEN CARRYING OUT DESTABILIZATION AND AS LONG AS THEY WERE ACTIVE THE ISSUE WOULD REMAIN ALIVE. HE HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD ACT TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF MORE CLEARLY FROM THE EXILES THAN IT HAD IN THE PAST. WILLS HAD MORE TO SAY ON DESTABILIZATION WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

6. ACCORDING TO WILLS, CUBA AND GUYANA AGREED, INSOFAR AS PRACTICABLE, TO CONFORM TO POSITIONS ON ISSUES AT NAM SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY OF AFRICAN NATIONS.

7. I RAISED THE QUESTION OF GUYANA'S VOTES IN THE UNGA. WILLS EMPHATICALLY REPLIED: "YOUR BOYS WHO COUNT UN VOTING PATTERNS SHOULD CONSIDER US IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS TANZANIA AND OTHER AFRO-ASIAN STATES (WHICH ARE) STRONG IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT." HE STRESSED THAT GUYANA HAS A BLACK GOVERNMENT WHICH IDENTIFIES WITH THE AFRO-ASIANS; IT HAD LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS EXCEPT GEOGRAPHY.

8. COMMENT: WILLS' DESCRIPTION OF HIS TALKS WITH GOC OFFICIALS REVEALS THAT COORDINATION OF POSITIONS ON NAM ISSUES TOOK PLACE. IN RETURN GUYANA WOULD RECEIVE CONCESSIONS ON INTERNAL POLITICS (SEPTIL). IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS EXCHANGE THAT, ALTHOUGH WILLS OBVIOUSLY APPRECIATES THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE U.S. AND THROUGH HIS LOQUACIOUSNESS PROVIDES US WITH A USEFUL CHANNEL INTO THIRD WORLD THINKING, MAINTENANCE OF GUYANA'S CREDENTIALS AS A STAUNCH ANTI-IMPERIALIST AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED REMAINS OF HIGH PRIORITY IN GOG FOREIGN POLICY.
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